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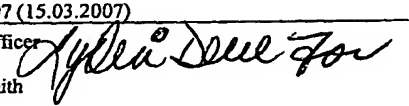
### INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

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# INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/US04/02648

## Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed.
- ☐ a translation of the international application into English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-13 as originally filed/furnished
- pages\* NONE received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- pages\* NONE received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the claims:
- pages 14-21 as originally filed/furnished
- pages\* NONE as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages\* NONE received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- pages\* NONE received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the drawings:
- pages 1/5-5/5 as originally filed/furnished
- pages\* NONE received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
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☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
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\* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

# INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

## 1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-20

YES

Claims NONE

NO

Inventive Step (IS)

Claims 1-20

YES

Claims NONE

NO

Industrial Applicability (IA)

Claims 1-20

YES

Claims NONE

NO

## 2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-14 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the method of forming a capacitor in a substrate comprising the step of depositing a second conductive storage plate abutting third dielectric layer, thereby establishing electrical contact between first and second conductive storage plates, which are separated from first and second capacitor plates by first, second and third dielectric layers (claim 1).

Claims 15-20 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a capacitor formed in an integrated circuit substrate comprising a second conductive storage plate deposited on an interior surface of the third dielectric layer and in electrical contact with the first conductive storage plate in an upper region of the trench above the second capacitor plate, the first and second conductive storage plates being separated from the first and second capacitor plates by the first, second and third dielectric layers (claim 15).